

BUILDING COMMUNITY
GET WITH THE PROGRAM AT CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER



CREATE YOUR OWN MASTERPIECE
WOODWORKING MADE EASY

If you can dream it, you can build it at the Creekside Community Center wood shop. Open to all adults, ages 55 and older who are interested in woodworking, the wood shop at Creekside provides the glue, nails and equipment you'll need to build your masterpiece.

Woodworkers must pass a proficiency test administered by a wood shop foreman. All participants are required to become members upon completion of the proficiency test. Membership is free. Each visit to the wood shop is \$1.

Wood carvers do not need a membership or proficiency test, but must also provide their own wood. The wood shop is open **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 - 11:30 a.m.**; wood carving is available on **Wednesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.**



Creekside Community Center is the place to be. A staple in the community for more than 40 years, Creekside boasts an active senior program and a variety of spaces that make it the ideal venue for special events, classes, workshops and more.

The Human Services Senior Program provides adults, ages 55 and older, and younger persons with disabilities countless opportunities for socializing, continuing education, getting fit and more. The program consists of nearly 60 different activities – classes in woodworking, ceramics, poetry writing, music, computer literacy and other arts activities. These unique programs,



developed and run by senior volunteers, include senior leaders who provide structure and guidance for participants. *See page HS4 for a calendar of upcoming activities.*

Programs are held at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South, unless otherwise noted. For more information, contact Human Services.



AN IDEAL VENUE
HOST AN EVENT

Creekside has rooms for rent that accommodate 10 to 175 people. Rental rates are determined by the Bloomington City Council, but can range from \$17.75 - \$90.50 per hour, depending on the size and type of rental space. Tables and chairs are included in all rentals. Most rooms are equipped with Wi-Fi and a variety of audio-visual equipment, such as DVD players, Nintendo Wii gaming systems, projectors, microphones and portable screens. Special rentals include a commercial kitchen, computer room, wood shop and piano. For more information or to rent a space, call 952-563-4944 V/TTY or visit the City's website.



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WORKING FOR A COMMON GOOD
MEET THE AGENCIES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In addition to the Bloomington Senior Program, which hosts classes and events five days a week, there are several nonprofit and county agencies that operate out of Creekside. Bringing these organizations together under one roof gives residents convenient, local access to essential and quality-of-life services. Highlighted below are six of the local and regional nonprofit agencies that call Creekside home.

Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) Central Grounds Coffee House is the most recent addition. The program, run by local teens, is open to all Bloomington high school students in grades 9 - 12. Mondays, Wednesdays and every other Friday from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., the coffeehouse provides teens with their own space to eat, watch movies, play games, do homework or just relax. Nearly 100 teens are involved in BUY.

The Creekside Club, a Martin Luther Care Center adult day program, provides care for adults where they can enjoy working on art projects, listening to music, exercising, learning new skills and more.



Hennepin County Economic and Child Care Assistance staff is available to review eligibility requirements for county financial assistance. Programs include food support, rent assistance and emergency funds. They also can assist in paying for child care expenses.

Hennepin South Services Collaborative brings together cities and schools, health and human service providers, businesses and families to improve the quality and effectiveness of services provided to individuals and families in Bloomington and other communities.

Loaves & Fishes is a nonprofit organization that provides nutritious meals to those in need in the Twin Cities metro area. Meals are sponsored by local businesses and organizations, whose members purchase, prepare and serve the meals. Creekside is one of nine Loaves & Fishes sites in the metro area and only one of four sites that serves meals Monday through Friday. This valuable food program helps Bloomington residents stretch their food budgets while ensuring their families' nutritional needs are met. In 2010, nearly 38,600 meals were served.



Optage In-Home Care, a division of Presbyterian Homes & Services, provides highly trained nurses and caregivers who coordinate social visits, mobility assistance, laundry, light housekeeping, transportation to appointments, meal planning and preparation, grocery shopping and delivery, medication set-up and reminders, physical, occupational and respiratory therapies, and more. Optage caregivers also provide coordination of care for older adults who wish to remain in their homes.

Senior Community Services and CareNextion offer the Household and Outside Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.) program to seniors, ages 55 and older, who need assistance completing everyday household chores, such as painting, yard work and maintenance. The Senior Outreach Program also has licensed social workers who make home visits to assist seniors and their family members in finding and arranging for services. CareNextion also provides online outreach services.

For information on any of the above programs, contact Human Services.



NEED A COMPUTER?
WE'VE GOT A LAB FULL

The computer lab is open to adults, ages 55 and older, and persons of all ages with disabilities. Computers are equipped with Microsoft Windows 7 or XP. The lab is open **Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

Registration is not required. Computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The daily cost for use is \$3.50.

WE ROCK!
CHECK OUT THE LAPIDARY

Did you know Creekside offers a full lapidary shop for cutting, polishing and engraving stones? Whether you are a seasoned engraver or a novice interested in learning more about this art form, the lapidary is the place to be, **Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Polishing equipment, rocks and training for newcomers are available.